

**Amendments to the Drawings**

None

## Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Written Office Action. In particular, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for the new reference cited. Further, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful examination of the Response to Office Action dated October 14, 2004. Still further, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for notice of allowance of claims 21 – 26 and notice of allowance of claims 3 and 4 if rewritten as instructed.

With regards the substantive portion of the Written Office Action, claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either Vitale or Brown. Further, claims 1 – 2, 8 – 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Black '405 in light of US Patent No. 4,778,125 to Hu. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Black '405 in light of Hu '125 in further view of Gruenwald. Claims 5 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Black '405 in light of Hu '125 in further view of Vitale. Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Black '405 in light of Hu '125 in further view of Vitale and Gruenwald. Claims 3 – 4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Office Action noted they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 21 – 26 were allowed.

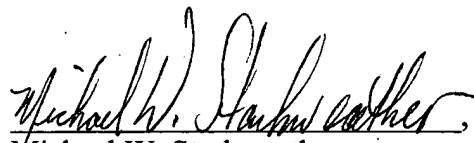
Claim 3 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4, depending from the now amended and allowable Claim 3, no longer depends from a rejected base claim and should therefore be in condition for allowance. Claims 5 – 8 have been amended to include Claim 3 as the base claim and should therefore be in condition for allowance. Claims 9 and 10 are not amended and

should be in condition for allowance as they depend from Claim 8, which now includes Claim 3 as a base claim. Claims 11 – 13 are canceled. Claim 21 has been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 22 – 26 are unchanged. Claims 27 – 32 are new and all include allowed Claim 21 as the base claim.

Further, the Applicant would like to clarify that the Attorney Docket number in this matter is 3170.2.1 NP, not 3423.2.1 as noted in the cover page accompanying the Written Office Action.

For these reasons, it is believed that none of the prior art teaches the claimed invention. Furthermore, it is believed that the foregoing amendment has adequate support in the specification, and accordingly there should be no new matter. Applicant believes the pending claims have addressed each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action. In light of the foregoing amendment, the claims should be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the proposed changes, Applicant again invites the Examiner to do so by telephone conference.

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